

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bradford Addison on 5/5/2009.

Amend claims 21 and 28 as follows:

21. (Currently Amended) A device for fragmenting a peptide ion or protein ion substantially at one or more of the α -carbon--carbonyl carbon bonds present in the peptide ion or protein ion, the device comprising:

- a first component capable of forming the peptide ion or protein ion from a sample,
- a second component which is different from the first component comprising a source of vacuum ultraviolet radiation adapted to deliver light at an energy sufficient to break at least one of the one or more α -carbon--carbonyl carbon bonds and produce one or more fragments of the peptide ion or protein ion, and

- a third component comprising a first mass analyzer, where the mass analyzer is operably connected to receive the one or more fragments of the peptide ion or protein ion.

28. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 21 wherein the device further includes a ~~forth~~ fourth component comprising a second mass analyzer.

Claims Allowance

Claims 21-23, 27-29, 31-34 are allowed.

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Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached at (571) 272-0925.

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